premises from April this year.

Export of Marine Products

@*332. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: WiU the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of marine products was given a special thrust during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what were the areas of thrust together with the comparative details of actual achievements year-wise during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The areas of thrust for increasing export of marine products during the 7th Five Year Plan were:

(i) Promotion of prawn farming for augmenting production of cultured prawns.

(ii) Setting up prawn hatcheries and seed banks.

(iii) Promotion of value added items like IQF (individually quick frozen) prawns.

(iv) Modernisation of processing facilities and quality upgradation.

(v) Aggressive market promotion measures.

(vi) Development of Deep Sea Fishing.

The comparative details of actual achievements of exports of Marine Products, year-wise during the 7th Five Year Plan period were:

Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (in Rs. Crores)
1985-86	83651	398.00
1986-87	85843	460.67
1987-88	97179	531.20
1988-89	99777	597.85
1989-90 (Provisional)	106840	622.46

(Source: MPEDA, Cochin.)

Supply of hybrid seeds by Pepsi

*333. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 7th May, 1990 captioned 'Farmers sour with Pepsi';

(b) whether it is a fact that in their original application, Pepsi had stated that they would supply hybrid seeds to the farmers that would improve the quality of the fruits and increase the yield per acre;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the yield per acre of tomatoes grown under Pepsi expertise in Punjab is only 3 tonnes as against the expected 15 tonnes per acre, which has resulted in heavy losses to the farmer;

(d) whether these losses to the farmers will be compensated by Pepsi Foods; and

(e) whether Government will now allow Pepsi Foods to go ahead with soft drinks notwithstanding the fact that the main part of the project in fruit processing and exports has failed?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) In a detailed cover note on the proposed project, M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation at the time of submission of the original application had *inter alia* stated as follows:

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